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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:)
 Menin et al.)
 Application No: 09/900,733)
 Filed: July 5, 2001)
 For: Automated Classification of Items)
Using a Knowledge Base)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned case, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment:

AMENDMENTIn the specification:

~~Please delete paragraph 16.~~

~~Please replace paragraph 26 with the following paragraph:~~

[0026] The knowledge base can take the form of raw data collected from one or more different sources or the data can be processed into an engineered knowledge base in a variety of different ways. One type of processing is to filter the raw data through an